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SUBJ: SUPPLIERS OF LNG

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1. ACCORDING TO U.S. STEEL ENGINEERS AND CONSULTANTS, Q-BOF PROCESS CAN USE VARIETY OF LPG'S (LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS) WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE LOCALLY. ALSO, REFINERY GAS IF IT MEETS CERTAIN SPECIFICATIONS CAN BE USED. NAPTHA IS CURRENTLY BEING USED FOR CRACKING AT KAOHSIUNG AND MAY MEET THESE SPECIFICATIONS. IN ANY EVENT, CHINA PETROLEUM SHOULD BE CONSULTED FIRST.

2. WE BELIEVE LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) WAS NOT INTENDED AS THIS REQUIRES CRYOGENIC TANKERS OF SPECIAL DESIGN TO TRANSPORT AND WOULD ALSO REQUIRE SPECIAL STORAGE AND HANDLING FACILITIES. INDUSTRY SOURCES INDICATE THIS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FROM THE U.S. ANYWAY.

3. ADVISE IF YOU WISH US TO PROVIDE LIST OF POTENTIAL
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SUPPLIERS OF LPGS (BUTANE, PROPANE, ETC) AND OTHER GAS. FYI - SUPPLY

OF THESE WOULD PROBABLY BE EASIER AND MORE
ECONOMICALLY OBTAINED FROM PERTAMINA IN INDONESIA, OR FROM
JAPAN. IF LARGE QUANTITIES ARE REQUIRED, CPC MIGHT WANT TO
CONSIDER PROVIDING OR EXPANDING THEIR OWN MANUFACTURING
FACILITIES. ROGERS

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